Dear Sir or Madam:

I am submitting this per the request for comment regarding the River Management Plan for North Fork Flathead River Wild and Scenic.

We are share-holders for the property at the Canadian border that you all know as Moose City. My family has been involved in the Moose City association since the 1960’s when my father, Mike Strand, got involved with the purchases that were handled by George Ostrom. Our family also owns a private lot along the runway at Moose City (in addition to owning TWO shares of the Moose City Association).

We are greatly concerned with the idea of requiring permits in order to float the North Fork of the Flathead River. We have been accessing the river, from our boat launch at Moose City, for many years now and have been careful and respectful of the national park on the one side and the land-owners along the river on the other side of the North Fork River.

It would be particularly difficult for the land-owners to have to acquire permits in advance of floating. When we go up to enjoy our property it is often for extended times. There is no cell service or wifi available in the area. We float the river (generally down to Wurtz or Ford) on various days, as the weather and logistics allows.

The Moose City association has been a great neighbor to the North Fork community and also to the Forest Service. As you know we have, on various years, allow the Forest Service access during critical fire seasons to our runway, which we keep mowed in the summer months.

Please consider our request, as owners, to continue to have free access to the river. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Deanna Strand-Dyk